

FINAL MEETING MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY ARTS & HISTORICAL COMMISSION
JANUARY 8, 2015

Members present were: Luther Lyle, Jeannie Dobson, Mari Noorai, Barbara Waters,
Henry Richardson

Guests present were: Ray Chandler-media

Also present were: Phil Shirley, PRT Director and Leslie White, OHC Curator

Call to Order

Luther Lyle called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of January 8, 2015, by Henry Richardson,
seconded by Barbara Waters Vote was **unanimously** carried.

Mr. Shirley welcomed Ms. Mari Noorai as new member to the Commission and informed the Commission that Rick Bethea, Al Robinson and Bess Ciupak have resigned from the Commission. Interested applicants to fill those positions should contact Mr. Shirley for a questionnaire form.

Ordinance 2014-16

- Mr. Shirley presented the Commission with the recently adopted Ordinance 2014-16 from Oconee County Council.
- Questions and discussion followed pertaining to establishing new objectives to fill the new mission.
- The Commission will set specific goals and plans at their next meeting in order to provide Mr. Shirley with appropriate budget requests for the upcoming budget cycle.
- Jeannie Dobson suggested the commission consider establishing a Hispanic festival to boost tourism. Jeannie will contact Walter Torres of Printing Solutions for follow up and also to let him know there are openings on the Commission if he is interested.

Ex-Officio Members

- Mr. Shirley shared that the new Ordinance allows the Commission to name Ex-Officio members to their Commission. Members can recommend names for consideration to the full Commission. Ex-Officio members should be utilized as industry experts or project champions to help accomplish the mission of the Commission

Old Business

- Mr. Lyle asked for an update on the two historical markers recently printed. Mr. Shirley shared that the Cheohee marker has been installed. There are still efforts ongoing to install the Chauga marker. Mr. Dave LaVere has had some difficulty contacting Mr. Moxley to gain permission to install the marker. Mr. Shirley also

noted that new plates were placed on both markers by Mr. Lyle showing the Arts & Historical Commission sponsored the markers along with Oconee Heritage Trails.

- The Commission also discussed maintenance of all Historical markers moving forward and suggested possible inmate labor to assist.

New Business

- Leslie White presented the members with the schedule for the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Society's Landmark Conference, which will be held in Oconee County April 9-11

Next meeting is February 12, 2015, at the Oconee Heritage Center beginning at 7pm.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **5:55 pm** .

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeannie Dobson